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A MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE

AS your Potentate I am happy to report that the year 1947 has been marked by conspicuous progress and notable accomplishments in all Aleppo activities.

In all of these Temple functions your Potentate has had the magnificent support of all Divan Officers, Past Potentates, heads of the Uniformed Units, Degree Staff, Ritualistic Degree Team, Committee members and the personnel of all active departments.

No Potentate could hope to be blessed with a finer group of Nobles as members of his Official Family.

Owing to the untimely deaths of our Treasurer, Noble Frank W. Morrill and our First Ceremonial Master, Noble Albert A. Schaefer, Past Grand Master, it was necessary to make appointments to fill these vacancies. Past Potentate Lionel G. H. Palmer was appointed Treasurer and he has brought to the office a wealth of experience and sound judgement in financial matters which have been of material benefit to Aleppo Temple.

Noble Lawson W. Oakes was advanced to the position of First Ceremonial Master and Noble Arthur G. MacKenzie was appointed Second Ceremonial Master. Noble MacKenzie has served during the year as the Chairman of our Luncheon Committee and has done an outstanding job in that position. He is a successful business man, a former Treasurer of the City of Cambridge and a leader in various civic organizations in his home city; his energy and enthusiasm will be a distinct asset of the Temple.

The death of Noble Morrill left a vacancy on the Board of Governors of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children at Springfield. Noble N. Russell Lynn, our High Priest and Prophet was recommended and accepted to fill this vacancy and I am sure that he will have a sympathetic understanding of the needs and problems of the Hospital.

As the Director of Ceremonials, Noble Lynn has, with the cooperation of all participating units, perfected a schedule which from the opening of the business meeting at four o'clock until the completion of the last act of vaudeville at ten o'clock, has been the wonder and admiration of all visiting Shrine Officers.

Early in the year, with the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Samuel H. Wragg, a Masonic Third Degree Team was formed, with Right Wor-

shipful Frederic B. Duncan, District Deputy Grand Master of the Boston 3d Masonic District as Chairman. All stations on this team have been filled by Past Potentates and Officers of the Temple, many of whom are Past Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

The team has made three visitations, first on April 22 to Hammatt Lodge at East Boston on the occasion of the reception to the Potentate. On May 20 to Everett C. Benton Lodge at East Boston on invitation of Worshipful Master Samuel Stern and on December 2 to Blue



**Illustrious Potentate
JUSTIN A. DUNCAN**

Hill Lodge at Canton, on the occasion of the 25th Masonic Birthday of our Recorder Harvey B. Leggee. A complete story of this last eventful evening will be found elsewhere in this issue of ALEPPO NEWS.

The Charity Bridge Parties and Potentate's Ball held at the Copley Plaza on May 6 and November 4 were both successful affairs. The Monthly Luncheons have become increasingly more popular and present a serious problem to the Committee and the Hotel Management to accommodate all who wish to attend. To obtain desirable dates and luncheon prices suitable for this function, is a most disturbing situation. The present cost of our Shrine Luncheons is in excess of \$3.00 per person which includes the minimum hotel price

of \$2.50 in addition to the food tax, gratuities and printing, mailing and postage for announcements. There were approximately 800 in attendance at our last luncheon on November 25, at which Bill Cunningham was the guest speaker.

The Seventh Annual Shrine Circus held at Boston Garden during the week of October 13 was another outstanding event and a tribute to the energy and resourcefulness of our Past Potentate and Imperial Oriental Guide, Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., General Chairman.

To our Recorder, Noble Harvey B. Leggee, I am sincerely grateful for his wholehearted assistance during the year, his advice and wise council have been invaluable.

When this message reaches the Nobility of Aleppo Temple we will be at the threshold of a New Year and I wish for my Brother Nobles and their families all the happiness and prosperity that can possibly come to them, not only during 1948 but in the future years.

Your next Potentate, Noble Wallace D. Riddell has been my friend and fraternal Brother for many years, and I can heartily recommend him as having the training and ability to give to Aleppo Temple an outstanding administration.

In closing, may I take the opportunity to express to my Brother Nobles of Aleppo Temple my heartfelt gratitude for the honor of serving you as Potentate.

It has been a wonderful experience and I will cherish the memory of this year of service so long as I shall live.

Sincerely yours in the Faith,

Potentate.



ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 16

DUE to the fact that Aleppo Temple's Annual Meeting is to be held earlier than usual this year, January 16, 1948, the December and January copies of the News are combined in one issue and were posted January 2, in ample time to notify members of the time and place of the meeting as well as to allow them time to procure their 1948 Shrine cards, possession of which is necessary to attend this meeting.

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Illustrious Potentate

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Robert G. Wilson, Jr.
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Arthur A. Sondheim
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GOVERNOR DALE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

GUEST OF BOSTON COMMANDERY

AT THE regular conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar held in Masonic Temple in Boston, Wednesday, December 17, his Excellency, Em. Sir Charles Melby Dale, Governor of the State of New Hampshire and Commander of De Witt Clinton Commandery of Portsmouth, was the honored guest in a visitation of the Officers and Members of his Commandery.

Governor Dale was accompanied by nearly one hundred Officers and Sir Knights from De Witt Clinton Commandery who were invited by Em. Sir Alfred C. Blake, Commander of Boston Commandery for the purpose of taking part in the ritualistic work of the evening.

The visiting Governor and Sir Knights gave an excellent rendition of the Order of Malta in full form. The work was given by the New Hampshire delegation in Gothic Hall before a capacity attendance of Sir Knights of Boston Commandery and guests from other Commanderies throughout New England. The work was beautifully exemplified at the conclusion of which Commander Blake thanked the Governor and his Officers and paid them high tribute for their most excellent rendition of this Templar degree.

Governor Dale was presented to the Sir Knights by Noble and Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Imperial Oriental Guide of the Shrine of North America and Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, in his own and best Wilsonian style. He introduced the Governor of our neighboring state as one of the most fearless and outstanding Chief Executives in the Union, to which Governor Dale responded and thanked Boston Commandery for its fraternal invitation and splendid hospitality.

Sir Knight Arthur W. Coolidge, Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was among the distinguished Templars present to greet the New Hampshire Governor.

Rt. Em. Sir George A. Weeks, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island extended Knightly greetings of the Grand Commandery to the Governor and his Sir Knights.

The Order of the Red Cross was presented in the early part of the evening to a large class of candidates under the able leadership of Sir Knight Herman C. McStay, a member of the 2nd Platoon of Aleppo's Arab Patrol.

The visitation and work was warmly greeted by the Sir Knights of Boston Commandery and will go down in history as one of the outstanding events in Boston Templarism.



FULL GENERALS IN U. S. SINCE 1799

THERE have been fourteen officers in the U. S. Army who have received the rank of full General. They are: George Washington, Ulysses S. Grant, William T. Sherman, Philip H. Sheridan, John J. Pershing, Tasker H. Bliss, Peyton C. March, John L. Hines, Charles P. Summerall, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Henry H. Arnold.

The rank of "Full General" was created by act of Congress in 1799 to honor Washington, who then had but nine months to live and his military successes were sixteen years past.

Of these fourteen, seven have Masonic affiliations: Washington, Pershing 33°, Summerall 33°, Hines 33°, MacArthur 32°, K. C. C. H., Marshall and Arnold 32°.

General Summerall is Grand Treasurer-General of the Supreme Council 33°, Southern Jurisdiction.

There are today five full Generals in active service and four retired. Generals Eisenhower and Arnold were promoted in February and March, 1943, respectively, and General MacArthur raised to the high rank in 1930 when he became the Chief of Staff.

General Marshall was Chief of Staff from 1939 to 1945, and General Craig, a former Chief of Staff, is now chairman of the War Department Personnel Board, Generals Pershing, Summerall, Hines and March are retired.



CHARITY BRIDGE PARTY

THE second and final Charity Bridge Party for the year was held at the Copley Plaza Hotel on Tuesday, November 4.

This party was well attended and netted a substantial sum for the Charity Funds of the Temple.

The supplementary activities conducted by the Ladies' Committee for the benefit of the Crippled Children's Hospital at Springfield have also been very successful and the

sum of \$1,413.80 has been raised with which to purchase needed equipment for the hospital.

The Doll, "Miss Aleppo," the carriage and wardrobe were awarded to six-year-old June Jepson, of West Hartford, Connecticut, the daughter of a Shriner.

The Chairman of the Ladies' Committee, Mrs. Justin A. Duncan, takes this opportunity to express her sincere thanks to every member of the Committee for their encouragement and assistance. The following named ladies comprised the Committee: Mrs. Wallace D. Riddell, Mrs. Frank B. Ells, Mrs. N. Russell Lynn, Mrs. Harvey B. Leggee, Mrs. Albert A. Schaefer, Mrs. Robert G. Wilson, Jr., Mrs. James J. Curry, Mrs. Willard P. Lombard, Mrs. R. G. Wilson, Sr., Mrs. Louis Salerno, Mrs. Wm. Beserosky, Mrs. Henry Stevens, Mrs. T. Frederick Brunton, Mrs. George Thornburg, Mrs. J. S. Eisenberg, Mrs. C. C. Colpitts, Mrs. John R. Pryce, Mrs. Stanley Thorburn, Mrs. Frank W. Watson, Mrs. Walter W. Benson, Mrs. F. B. Duncan, Mrs. H. Hutchins Parker, Mrs. J. R. Rosen, Mrs. Louis C. Adams, Mrs. Walter Green, Mrs. Lawson W. Oakes, Mrs. George Irwin and Mrs. Howard L. Thorburn.



ATTENTION NOBLES

THE high cost of living is a condition which affects all individuals and institutions and those with incomes not sufficient to meet the increased costs are the ones who suffer most.

The supplementary assistance in money and donations of food to the Hospital Units serving the Shrine Temples have made it possible for the hospitals to maintain the high standard of care and services rendered to our crippled children.

It has been suggested that the members of Aleppo Temple might wish to make a donation of canned food as a New Year's offering to our Hospital for Crippled Children at Springfield.

At our Annual Meeting on January 16 provision will be made to receive such donations at the entrance to the Temple, 99 Huntington Avenue.

Canned fruit, fruit juices and canned vegetables will be gratefully received.

Bring a can or two when you come to the meeting.

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

ATTENTION

Noble 43 years of age, well educated and married wishes connection of executive capacity. Past 20 years, executive in administration. Expert experience in sales management and sales promotion. Can give best of references as to character, honesty and ability. Reason for wanting to make this change.

Write G. L. H. A.
97 Huntington Ave., Boston 16, Mass

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IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOURS, WE SUGGEST YOU OBTAIN IT BEFORE
THE DAY OF THE MEETING

Harvey B. Leggee

Recorder

Telephone KEnmore 6-0678 - 6-0649

Justin A. Duncan

Illustrious Potentate

YOUR MAIL DELIVERIES!

THE Shrine Office has had in the past many requests from members for information regarding the mailing of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS and other mail matter from Aleppo Temple, which in many cases have been delivered weeks late.

Postal inspectors investigated the situation and reported to the Shrine office that mail matter such as the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS, which is mailed at the South Postal office, Boston, clears that office each month within 24 hours from the time of delivery by the printer. They advise that the delivery of the mail is entirely in the hands of the superintendent or postmaster at the RECEIVING end. If any member is having trouble with the receipt of their mail matter from Aleppo we would strongly urge them to contact their superintendent or postmaster immediately upon receipt of any mail matter suspected to be unduly held over. The mailing of the ALEPPO NEWS is timed from ten days to two weeks previous to the date of a meeting or other Shrine function advertised in that particular issue.

A recent example of the above situation will be found in the following letter, one of several received from Nobles in one particular location where the November issues of the ALEPPO NEWS were received Wednesday, December 3, or later. These issues cleared the postoffice, where they were mailed, Saturday, November 15, eighteen days before delivery.

As this Noble stated in his letter, "The receipt of this notice on December 3 hardly gives me time to attend the November 28 Ceremonial." The announcement of the November 28 Ceremonial was contained in a full page notice in that issue and as above stated, was mailed, November 15.

The Recorder's answer is printed below which gives detailed information regarding this situation and which may be used to assist the Nobles in speeding up their mail matter at the delivery end if they find such action necessary.

"Mr. _____

"Dear Noble _____:

"I wish to acknowledge receipt of your note attached to the envelope bearing your correct name and address in which the November issue of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS was mailed. Your note reads as follows: 'This notice of meeting of November 28 was received today—December 3rd. Hardly gives me time to get there.'

"Your November, 1947 issue of the NEWS in which was a full page notice of the November meeting, was mailed at the South Postal Station in Boston, with approximately 12,000 others, Saturday, November 15, 1947, in accordance with a receipt given by the postmaster to the printer at the time of delivery. A copy, the

writer has mailed to the Shrine office, was received Monday, November 17 and a personal copy mailed to his home was received the following day.

"We have had similar trouble with mail matter in the past two years including first class mail. We have had postal inspectors checking the situation and have been advised by them, as well as by the assistant postmaster in the South Postal Station, that our magazines clear that postoffice within 24 hours from the time they are delivered by the printer. They advise us that the delivery of mail matter is entirely in the hands of the superintendent or postmaster of the postoffice at the receiving end.

"Your notice was mailed nearly two weeks in advance of the November meeting and was not received by you until 18 days later. I am returning the envelope containing your note and suggest that you, personally, contact the superintendent of your postoffice regarding this matter. I would also ask you to kindly return the enclosed envelope and information to me for investigation on this end.

"Thanking you for calling this matter to my attention and for your cooperation on the same, I am

"Sincerely yours,

"HARVEY B. LEGGEE,
"Recorder."



CEREMONIAL DAY

AND what a day! In the life of a Shriner it is one of the most awaited days on the Shrine calendar.

It is a day when Nobles throw off the cares of the world and enjoy some of the most wholesome fun and good-natured high-jinks known for man's diversion. And was there ever a time when we more needed such diversion and entertainment?

And just why should a man want to join the Shrine?

Because it is in the Shrine that one meets the outstanding members of Masonry. He meets them in a happier, lighter mood, at a time when weightier things are laid aside. He meets them in a friendly, intimate mood of good fellowship. There is friendliness, laughter, uninhibited jollity.

In the ritualistic part of the Ceremonial Day program and in the journey across the hot sands to Mecca there is beauty, mystery, charm mingled with laughter, merri-

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ment. To both Novice and Noble, the journey leaves only exhilarating memories that bring smiles and chuckles for many a year to come.

Another thing, Shriners originated and carry on what is perhaps the noblest fraternal charity known to mankind... the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospitals, where afflicted children whose parents or guardians are unable to pay for adequate treatment, may obtain such treatment absolutely without cost, all without regard to color, nationality or religion.

In the various degrees of the York and Scottish Rites we experience the serious parts of Masonry — have opportunity to make a study of its philosophy and if we heed the teachings of Masonry we can not help becoming better men. However, "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" and we need the fun, relaxation and jovial good fellowship which we find in the Shrine.

All of us have dear friends and associates whom we meet and greet at the degree work of the various Masonic bodies. Why not extend to them a cordial invitation to join with you in the fun and laughter of the Shrine and experience with you the privilege and pleasure of wearing the Red Fez.

The activities of the Shrine will knock years off their ages and permit them to forget for the time being the cares, trials and tribulations of their daily business lives. Fun, laughter and innocent play are fine tonics for any man, no matter who he may be.

Sign up that friend now for our coming Full Form Ceremonial, January 16.



THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE

Of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
3 December 1947
Office of the Grand Master
Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street
Boston 16, Mass.

"Mr. Justin A. Duncan, Potentate

"Aleppo Temple, AAOOMS

"97 Huntington Avenue

"Boston 16, Massachusetts

"Dear Justin:

"I write to repeat my thanks for the generous check of \$1,000 which you presented to the Grand Lodge on behalf of Aleppo Temple last night on the occasion of the reception to your good Recorder.

"I think the entire evening was one of the most pleasant that I have experienced since I have been in this office, and the recognition that the Grand Lodge and its benevolent activities received at your hands added a touch to the festivities which I find it difficult to fittingly acknowledge.

"Please be assured of our deep and sincere appreciation for all that the Shrine has done and is doing.

"Sincerely and fraternally,

"S. SAMUEL H. WRAGG,
"Grand Master."

ALEPPO'S RECORDER HONORED

By NOBLE R. D. LEE

ON TUESDAY evening, December 2, 1947, the Third Degree Team of Aleppo Temple visited Blue Hill Lodge, Canton, Massachusetts and participated in the work of the 3rd degree under the direction of Rt. Wor. Frederic B. Duncan, District Deputy Grand Master of the 3rd (Boston) Masonic District and Chairman of the Shrine Third Degree Team.

The occasion marked the 25th Masonic birthday of Aleppo's Recorder, Harvey B. Leggee, who was raised in Blue Hill Lodge in December, 1922. Noble Leggee presented his lodge with a gold stamped Altar Bible to replace the one which has been in use in the lodge for over 50 years. The presentation ceremony and consecration of the Bible was participated in by Brother Max Brightman who was Marshal of the lodge 25 years ago and by Wor. and Rev. Walter C. Pierce, Chaplain of the Lodge.

Following the opening of the lodge the Worshipful Master Arthur E. Tordoff was advised that Most Worshipful Samuel Holmes Wragg, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, was present for the purpose of paying a fraternal visit to Blue Hill Lodge.

Grand Master Wragg, upon being received, told those present that he had hoped to see the Shrine Team exemplify a third degree while he was Grand Master as he was enthusiastically interested in this team which was formed during his term of office, by Potentate Duncan less than a year ago upon the suggestion of Recorder Leggee.

Following the rendition of the degree the Grand Master said that he had witnessed the exemplification of the 3rd degree many times not only as Grand Master in the last three years, but as a Mason for over forty years and that in all this time he had never seen the work conferred in a more perfect and pleasing manner or by a more skilled and accomplished group of officers than the Aleppo Temple Third Degree Team.

He paid high tribute to the Shrine and their work for the unfortunate crippled children of North America through the Shrine Hospitals. He remarked that he enjoyed his membership in the Shrine to the fullest and nothing pleased him more in his daily travels than to see the prevalence of Shrine pins and witness the meeting of two Shriners who would exchange a friendly smile and a warm greeting of, "Howdy Noble." The Grand Master said that in all his visitations for the past three years throughout the Commonwealth as the highest ranking Mason, his visitation to Blue Hill Lodge on this occasion was one that would always stand out as the most pleasant evening he had ever spent.

He congratulated Blue Hill Lodge and Aleppo Temple for their thoughtfulness in recognizing the ability and service rendered to Masonry and its kindred organization, the Mystic Shrine, by Brother and Recorder Harvey B. Leggee, who has served both fraternities for these many years.

At the conclusion of the Grand Master's remarks, Rt. Worshipful Justin A. Duncan, present Potentate of Aleppo Temple, thanked the Grand Master for his warm, fraternal remarks and for his cooperation



Photo by Noble Charles R. Gunnarson

THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS, Most Worshipful Samuel Holmes Wragg, made a fraternal visit December 2 to Blue Hill Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canton to witness the exemplification of the 3rd degree by the Aleppo Temple Third Degree Team, under the direction of Rt. Wor. Frederic B. Duncan. The occasion marked the 25th anniversary of membership in the Lodge of Aleppo's Recorder, Harvey B. Leggee.

Left to Right: Recorder Leggee; Rt. Wor. Frederic B. Duncan, Chairman, Third Degree Team; Rt. Wor. Justin A. Duncan, Potentate of Aleppo; Grand Master Wragg; Worshipful Arthur E. Tordoff, Master of Blue Hill Lodge and Rt. Wor. Whitfield W. Johnson, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

in cementing a closer relationship between Masonry and the Shrine in Massachusetts.

Rt. Worshipful and Potentate Duncan then presented the Grand Master on behalf of the 12,000 Shriners of Aleppo Temple, a check for \$1,000 to assist the Grand Lodge in their splendid work at the Masonic Home at Charlton and the Masonic Hospital at Shrewsbury.

The banquet hall of the lodge was turned into a colorful spectacle when the capacity crowd of white-aproned and red-fezzed brethren, and Nobles gathered for a turkey dinner served by the Caterer, Mrs. Dora Ferguson, assisted by members of the Eastern Star. Dinner music was supplied by the newly formed Aleppo Temple "Fez-Tive Four," Nobles Elliott M. Davidson, Trumpet; Elmer W. Flagg, Tenor Sax; Anthony S. Bersacola, String Bass and Walter T. Leavitt, Accordion and Piano.

The officers of the Aleppo Temple Degree Team, who took part in the degree work of the evening and were received by Worshipful Master Arthur E. Tardoff, were: *Worshipful Masters*, Rt. Wor. Justin A. Duncan, Potentate, and Past Potentates Rt. Wor. Willard P. Lombard and Rt. Wor. Arthur A. Sondheim; *Senior Warden*, Wor. Lawson W. Oakes, 33rd, First Ceremonial Master of Aleppo Temple; *Junior Warden*, Rt. Wor. Frederic B. Duncan, Chairman, 3rd Degree Team; *Treasurer*, Brother Lionel G. H. Palmer, Treasurer of Aleppo; *Secretary*, Brother Harvey B. Leggee, Recorder; *Chaplain*, Rev. Brother Arthur W. P. Wylie, Chaplain of the Shrine; *Assistant Chaplain*, Wor. Charles C. Grimmons, Captain of the Guard; *Marshal*, Wor. Brother William A. Odell, Lieutenant of the Aleppo Arab Patrol; *Senior Deacon*, Wor. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Past Potentate of Aleppo and Imperial Oriental Guide of the Shrine of North America; *Junior Deacon*, Wor. Reginald F. Goldworthy; *Senior Steward*, Brother Orrin J. Petrie, Adjutant; *Junior Steward*, Brother Arthur G. McKenzie, Second Ceremonial Master; *Inside Sentinel*

Brother Walter W. Benson, Marshal of Aleppo; Tyler, Brother Frank W. Watson, Director; *South Gate*, Brother N. Russell Lynn, High Priest and Prophet; *West Gate*, Brother Andrew S. Seiler, Oriental Guide, and *East Gate*, Wor. Frederick J. Haydock.

Rt. Wor. Eliot C. French, Secretary of Blue Hill Lodge, assisted Rt. Wor. Frederic B. Duncan in arranging the program of the evening.

The charge to the candidates was delivered by Brother Paul Watson Bemis of Palestine Lodge of Everett. His subject "When is a man a Mason," was both impressive and appropriate and prompted the remark of the Grand Master that it was "As modern as tomorrow and as Ancient as Masonry."

At the conclusion of the work Rt. Wor. Brother Frederic B. Duncan presented Brother Leggee with a bouquet of 25 large chrysanthemums.

Other officers of the Shrine who participated in the evenings work were Rt. Wor. and Noble Peter A. Day, Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge; Dr. Louis F. Salerno, Surgeon of Aleppo; Brother William W. Duncan, Potentate's Representative; Brother Charles R. Gunnarson, official photographer; Brothers Louis and Herman Brightman of the Shriners Band; Brother Charles P. Nicoll, Aleppo Degree Staff; Brother William Beserosky, Aide to the Potentate, and Brother Arthur J. Tweedy, Potentate's Social Aide.

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CIRCUS RETURNS STILL DUE

CHAIRMAN of the Aleppo Shrine Circus Committee, Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., is making another appeal to the Nobles of Aleppo who have not yet made returns on the Seventh Annual Shrine Circus in the Boston Garden to kindly send in their checks immediately so the books of the circus may be closed and a final audit made before the Annual Meeting of Aleppo, January 16.

There are still some Nobles who have not made returns on tickets actually used for admission to the Shrine Circus. Chairman Wilson advises that unused tickets should also be returned with a check, if possible, to be used to balance the accounts of tickets used to admit lesser privileged and unfortunate youngsters to our circus. Nobles returning these unused tickets with a check to cover the same at \$1.00 each will still be listed in the future issues of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS as members of the Circus Daddy Club. Membership books were valued at \$10 each.

A list of the names of Aleppo Nobles who joined the Daddy Club since the publication of the November issue of the News and up to December 20 follows:

DADDY CLUB LIST NO. 5

Thomas L. Malcolm
Harry Perlis
Walter F. Rockwell
William J. Smith
Albert Thorley
Elmer R. Tilton
Urburn A. Avery
John W. Beauparlant
Earle Burke
Roy E. Carpenter
Laurence B. Cheney
Beverly M. Chittick
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Henry O. Walke
Duane C. White
Winthrop C. Avery
George Barkin
Fred M. Batchelder
Chester A. Blackey
Harry L. O. Bolinder
Charles B. Borthwick
Edward P. Brock
Benno M. Broder
Arthur W. Bullock
William I. Burnham
Irving Cabitt
Alfred F. Carter
Fred M. Collins
Sheldon H. Abbott
Harry C. Barr
James L. Bickford
Harry Bloom
Maurice Bloom
Frank J. Bray
Emile G. Brisse
Thomas S. Burgin
Anthony C. Casseese
Edwin T. Chapin
Donald B. Chapman
Charles Clayman
Benjamin Cohen
Emanuel P. Cohen
Richard F. Crawford
John P. Dane
Herbert A. Davis
James F. Demain
Earl W. Dickinson
Raymond Drechsler
William W. Duncan
James C. Durgin
James J. Eaton
Malcolm A. Eaton
Frederick Edwards
Iver J. Erikson
Cyrus Y. Ferris
John W. Fisher
Isaac Fishman
Albert Fruh
Albert M. Genn
Colby C. Getchell
Maurice L. Gordon
John C. Gorner
Robert L. Graham
Frederick C. Graves
Max Grodberg
Philip Grosser
Francis Harrington
Frank K. Hatfield
George E. Hobbs
Lt. Col. George Hodge
George P. Holbrook
Earl L. Holden
Albert W. Hunkins
Jarvis Hunt
Robert H. Jackson
Whitfield W. Johnson
Richard H. Kershaw
Joseph E. Lacroix
Charles P. Lauman
Frank E. Lavallee
Carl R. Leavitt
Morris Levin

Arthur S. Lord
Frank A. Mack
Husney F. F. Mahfuz
Stanley D. Martin
Ralph W. Mason
Stanley E. Mason
Thomas Mason
Harvey L. Meeken
James H. Meigs
Harold L. Merrill
Joseph N. Meyers
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Rose Mary Secino
65 Harrison Street
Leominster, Mass. — Age 5 years
Evelyn Westgate
40 Parker Street
New Bedford, Mass. — Age 3 years
James Hines
69 Hillis Street
Worcester, Mass. — Age 12 years
Antonnette Pantoni
181 West Street
Leominster, Mass. — Age 12 years
Hilda Silvia
Sodom Road
Westport, Mass. — Age 7 years
Arthur Suback
453 Summer Street
Lynn, Mass. — Age 4 years

The following children were discharged during the month of November:

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By NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING
Associate Editor

"HE WALKED RIGHT IN AND TURNED AROUND AND WALKED RIGHT OUT AGAIN"

TAKE it all in all November was quite a busy month, what with the Ceremonial the day after Thanksgiving, and the trip to Worcester the day after that.

We presume you will wonder why we headed this nonsense column with a quotation from a popular song of years ago, but our trip to Worcester on the 29th brought it to mind. That is practically what the band did on that occasion, "walked right in and turned around and walked right out again."

The show was under the auspices of the Worcester Shrine Club and there was a full house when we arrived. We had a larger band than the night before at the ceremonial and the boys were all set to give an A-1 half hour program with which we were to open the show, but the management, in order to squeeze in all the acts, good, bad or what have you, cut the band down to three selections, and even crowded out our leader's solo. We firmly believe, from what we have heard since, that the audience would like to have heard more from the band than three measly numbers. When we think of the boys giving up their Saturday afternoon and evening and coming from as far away as Plymouth, Lawrence, Haverhill and other distant places and only have the small part they played in the affair, we would not blame them if they turned thumbs down on any future invitations from that source. We don't kick just for the exercise, but we do feel it was an imposition to bring a large group of musicians clear from Boston on such a wild goose chase, to say nothing of the expense of busses, food, etc.

There was one bright spot to this trip, however, and that was the dinner at "The Blacksmith Shop," on the way down. The proprietor, Mr. Robert M. Collins, is a member of Aleppo and we want to say right here that he sure put up a swell feed. It is many a long year since we saw such a big hunk of tender, juicy beef as was put on each plate. It was a man's size portion, and to paraphrase a familiar "Radio Commercial" it was "Good to the last bite."

At the Ceremonial we had a chance to shake hands with our pal, Noble Kelly Crosskill, of Anah Temple, Bangor, but only had time for a few words with him. Hope he enjoyed the show.

And speaking of the Ceremonial; we met

two or three of the boys who used to play in the band but who for one reason or another dropped out. One or two thought they might "join up" again. But what warmed the cockles of our heart was when they said "We always read and enjoy your column." Thanks a million, boys.

We did not know that we had an expert Nimrod in the band, but we learn that Noble Elmer Flagg got him an eight-point buck deer on a recent hunting expedition. Our informant claimed the buck's antlers had a spread of ten feet, which sure is some spread in any man's language. Santa Claus' deers would look like toys along side that one.

The next thing on the agenda, (gee! we haven't seen that word for some time now) is the annual meeting January 16. Here's hoping you will all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



OSHKOSH SHRINER LEAVES BIG ESTATE TO HOSPITALS

THE Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children will be the ultimate beneficiaries of the entire estate of the late Noble Albert J. McKay, of Oshkosh, Wis., who died November 14, 1944. The estate was listed at \$312,505.97 in real estate and personal property as final judgment and assignment was made in Winnebago County Probate Court recently. Under the terms of Noble McKay's will, the entire balance is to be set up in a trust fund and the income assigned to Alice S. McKay, the widow. At the termination of the trust, or following the death of the widow, the estate will be turned over to the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children. Noble McKay was prominent in the iron business in Wisconsin and Michigan during his lifetime.



SHRINE CLUB OF SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS MAKES DONATIONS TO LOCAL CHARITIES

DECEMBER 3, the Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts held an "Old Fashioned Get-together" in Cornell Hall, New Bedford, with more than 150 members present for a buffet supper. The club voted to make the following donations of \$50 to each of the following, with the request that so far as possible, the funds be used to aid crippled and handicapped children in enjoying Christmas:

The Standard-Times Neediest Family Fund, Volunteers of America, Sassaquin Sanatorium, City Mission, Sol-e-Mar Hospital, St. Mary's Home, New Bedford Chapter of the Order of De Molay, Salvation Army, Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children at Springfield.

Members were present from New Bedford, Fairhaven, Fall River, Middleboro, Brockton and the Cape. Andrew P. Lonergan, President, presided. The following new members were greeted: Edward J. Wlydyka, Fairhaven; Morris Levine, Fall River; Robert B. Macomber, Buzzards Bay; Chester Deplitch, Fall River; Manuel F. Silva, Fairhaven; Arthur C. King, New Bedford.

Following the meeting an entertainment was presented by the De Rosai Piano Accordion School.

At this meeting the Club Directors voted to sponsor the relief case of a local youngster named as Case No. 2 of the New Bedford Neediest Families Fund of the Standard-Times.


The Shrine Club is to bear the full cost of expenses involved in the operation for Patsy, the crippled youngster of four years, whose case so appealed to the Directors that they voted to assume the full responsibility for costs of the operation. The Club Directors announced they were happy to take over the case since it is one of the Club's Community duties to provide for crippled children.

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By NOBLE J. ARTHUR MCCOY

THE Ceremonial of November 28 brought a reunion of several former members of the first platoon and we saw the following: George Gardener, Tom Murray, John Lane, John Larrabee, Howard Giles, Jim Gowing and Maurice Parker. Some of these severed their membership on the patrol as long as twenty-five years ago, but they are well remembered and it was great to see them again.

We also heard, by letter, from another old-timer, Al Baader. Al wrote from St. Petersburg, Box 3629, where he spends his winters. He sends his regards to the members and wishes that he could visit with them. His summer home is on Cape Cod.

This has been an unusual autumn — but it will go down in history as the year that the supposed invulnerable Capt. Bill Sharpe was married. Bill has earned many titles, but that of Confirmed Bachelor is now changed to Confused Benedict. The records say that William F. Sharpe, Jr., was married to Miss Margaret Sharpe at the Roslindale Unitarian Church, Saturday, December 6, 1947. Following the wedding there was a family dinner at the Kenmore Hotel, after which, the couple started on a tour to Long Island. We all congratulate Noble Sharpe and extend our best wishes to the bride and groom for many happy years ahead. On their return they will live in their new home in Westwood. Also, we add the hope that Bill may be permitted to have Friday nights out.

St. Omer Commandery had the first official inspection of the Templar year, November 19. The new marking system was used and St. Omer obtained a mark of 9. That sounds like a meritorious mark and as a member of the Commandery, I hope it will look good as the inspections proceed. Em. Lester Boyce is commander and numerous other men on the patrol are officers and members of St. Omer.

Hyde Park Council, R. and S. Masters, celebrated its 75th anniversary, October 30 attended by many Masonic notables, including Lieut. Gov. Arthur W. Coolidge, Grand Commander Weeks and Grand Warder N. Russell Lynn. John Cullen, of the second platoon, is Captain of the Guard of Hyde Park Council.

Gethsemane Commandery was honored by a visit from the M. W. Grand Master Samuel Wragg on November 25. The Grand Master is a member of this Commandery. He was received under an arch of steel and was introduced by Rt. Em.

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George Weeks. Em. Harold Burr has served as Captain of the Guards of Gethsemane Commandery for fourteen years. Louis Beaudoin is Junior Warden, John Naylor is Generalissimo, Frank Parker is Treasurer, Frank Carpenter is Warder and Leon Lamb is an active member and all members of our Patrol. John Naylor was Chairman of the Committee for the occasion.

We were all saddened by the death of Arthur R. Holl on November 18, after his long illness. He was forty-nine years of age and has been a member of the first platoon twenty years. Services were held at his former home in Milton, November 22. He was a member of Washington Lodge, Eurika Chapter, Hiram Council and Worcester Commandery. He served in the Quartermaster and Signal Corps of the Army in a civilian capacity, as head of the Labor Relations Board during the war. We will long remember him with affection and we extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Alice Holl and to his parents, who survive him.



WHAT IS THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE?

THIS is the last degree of the York or American Rite of Freemasonry and is conferred in a Commandery of Knights Templar. It is perhaps easily one hundred fifty years old in some form or other, and the founders of the degree based the ritual upon the traditions and accomplishments of the Templars of the Crusades. As those Templars attempted to wrest from the Saracens and preserve to posterity and the Christian world the Holy Sepulcher, and perpetuate the Christian ideal during the times of the Crusades, so the Order of the Temple inculcates the cardinal virtues of the Christian faith. The Order of the Temple teaches in the most impressive manner a belief in the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus of Nazareth as the saviour of mankind, and all of the many and beautiful lessons and lectures of the degree are based upon the New Testament.

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The Order of Knights Templar is a national organization in the United States, and Canada, England and perhaps one or two other countries have a similar organization. In this country the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America is the governing body with each state having a Grand and Constituent organizations. The various units of Templary, local and state and national, have benevolent and charitable programs carrying into practice the teachings of the degrees, and one of the great and constructive Templar activities is the "Educational Loan Foundation of the United States" which has enabled thousands of young men to complete their education.

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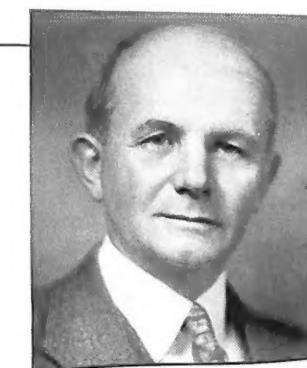
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By NOBLE J. HOWARD MACAULAY
Associate Editor

AS IS the custom, we of the Degree Staff entertained the ladies at an Annual Dinner held at the Shrine headquarters, Friday, December 5, 1947. The ladies are not included too often, but when the occasion arises, the boys go all out for their entertainment.

The committee in charge headed by Noble Dick Turpin, and ably assisted by Nobles Ken Damon, Al Sandberg, Ed Wannlund, and Ray Parker did a superb job. Everybody was well fed and entertained royally. Noble Seiler did his usual good job with the dinner which consisted of chowder, fillet of beef, lobster salad, and plenty of incidentals. Noble Walter Leavitt, Harvey's assistant, furnished the music. Bourdini, the magician, assisted Noble Sid Abbot and Noble Eddie Adolph in putting on a very entertaining hour. Noble Murl Daniels demonstrated for the benefit of the ladies, through the use of make-up, just how their husbands should look or will look in the near future; Adolph the clown, Macaulay the convict (leave us embarrass no one else). Refreshments furnished by Noble Nicoll were well received. Noble Zepp dispensed the Christmas cheer.

A short song by Noble Sargent was well rendered, but Guy was not his usual self, inasmuch, as his boy and his family are ill, causing both Noble and Mrs. Sargent great concern.

The girls were swell, all good sports. They should be entertained more often.

Through their efforts as dutiful husbands on this occasion, many Nobles got permission to make the trip to Karnak Temple, Montreal. The party headed by our Director, Frank Watson, and accompanied by Nobles Howe, Carl and Ray Parker, Painton, Vaughan, Church, Lampard, Sandberg, Turpin, Nicoll, Cox, Wannlund and Priest left by pullman Friday evening, December 12, 1947, and had accommodations waiting at the Mt. Royal Hotel in Montreal. They were entertained royally by Nobles of Karnak Temple and returned Sunday, December 14. It is reported that all had a wonderful time and found the Canadians most hospitable.

We haven't heard from George Lewis, but we hope his health has improved and that the Florida sun will take away his aches and pains.

Director Watson has asked the Degree Staff members to report at headquarters on Sunday, January 11, 1948, for the purpose of straightening out our "Prop Room." All members should be present at 9:30 A.M.

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SEPTEMBER 16, 1922, is an important date in the history of the Shrine. On that day the doors of our Shreveport Unit were spread wide like the welcoming arms of a giant benefactor to receive the first of the never-ending line of crippled girls and boys who have come through these doors of hope to receive care and cure through the kindness of the Shriners of North America. The establishment and operation of the first Unit of our Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children was a day for rejoicing.

Twenty-five years later scores of hundreds of Nobles throughout the Southwest laid aside their routine tasks and cares to make the pilgrimage to Shreveport to celebrate the Silver Anniversary of the opening of our first Hospital Unit. They provided the citizens of Shreveport, the patients at the hospital, and themselves, with a three-day program of happiness, entertainment and inspiration. The 3,000 visitors filled the hotels, slept (or tried to) in parked sleepers, donned colorful raiment and paraded, played — and prayed.

The observance was fittingly opened with a special service at the First Presbyterian Church. Deputy Imperial Potentate Galloway Calhoun delivered an inspiring address of hope and challenge "that now, in our time of plenty, we appear to have forgotten the God who led our country through the difficult days of its birth as a nation and through two great world wars. . . . The way to remedy our faults is for everlasting peace to enter the hearts of individuals." Scheduled on the program at the church were Noble R. Bruce Brannon, Grant Master of Masons in Texas, and Q. T. Hardtner, Grand Master of Masons in Louisiana.

Shreveport's flag-lined streets were thronged with cheering crowds who watched the brilliant, hour-long parade. The flashily clad uniformed units from Kareem (Waco), Khiva (Amarillo), El Mina (Galveston), Wahabi (Jackson), Scimitar (Little Rock), Maskat (Wichita Falls), Moslah (Fort Worth), and contingents from Al Chymia (Memphis), Hella (Dallas), Zamora (Birmingham), Ben Hur (Austin), India (Oklahoma City), Abba (Mobile), Arabia (Houston), Jerusalem (New Orleans), Alzafar (San Antonio), Behouin (Muskogee), El Maida (El Paso), Hamasa (Meridian), Alcazar (Montgomery), Sahara (Pine Bluff), and Akdar (Tulsa), joined with El Karubah's units in providing a glorious parade of precision, blare and fun. Continuous band concerts on the courthouse square, and impromptu fun-making added to the festivity of the event.

On the Hospital Grounds the silver anniversary program was a soul-touching

combination of inspiration and joy. Past Potentate John A. Walden, chairman of the Board of our Shreveport Unit, presented Imperial Captain of the Guard Walter C. Guy, whose impressive remarks included the forceful thought that "the noise, blare and hubbub of the Shriners on the streets may dim and fade away, but the God-given work they do through hospitals like this lives on forever." The children of the hospital joined in singing their Hymn to a Shriner. Some delightful solos were given by talented Miss Dorothy Harris, who was the eighth patient received at the Shreveport Hospital in 1922. Scimitar's (Little Rock) Mounted Patrol put on a thrilling riding exhibition under the leadership of Capt. R. J. Needler, astride his full-blooded Arabian stallion "Sheik." Their clown, riding a donkey laden with packs of toys, distributed dolls, harmonicas and numerous gifts to the children.

A special feature of the three-day celebration was the thrilling message, delivered through a special hookup from Philadelphia, by Past Imperial Potentate W. Freeland Kendrick, chairman of our National Board of Trustees. Potentate D. L. Butler presided over the funfest Ceremonial and jubilee ball at Municipal Auditorium, which climaxed the Silver Anniversary proceedings. Past Potentate George Sexton, Jr., was the perfect general chairman, earning plaudits for a smooth-running and on-time schedule of events.

Newspaper publicity was liberal and complimentary. We quote from one editorial: "There is no way of measuring, or adding up, the good which has been done for humanity by this institution, or the greater good done by all of the Shriners' hospitals throughout the country. The value of this work reaches up beyond translation into ordinary terms. Its sum total extends into the starry distances, and beyond."

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By VAIL K. HAAK, Associate Editor

THE column is back after a month's absence due to my not making the deadline last month and Uncle Sam's employee not bringing my notice of the closing date for copy in time.

Plenty of news now for bowling as the boys have just completed the first round of five matches. After a few trades between teams at the start of the season to even up on averages we find a pretty close battle going on for first place. At the present writing "The Potentats" led by Dick Halliday are in first place by a slim margin of one point. The "Oriental Guides" captained by Ernie Woodman and "The Ceremonial Masters" directed by Sid Abbott are tied for second.

Harry Gordon leads in the averages with 106 with Jim Greig in the second spot with 103. Al Bjorklund, last year's champ, is in third place with a 102. Gordon also holds the high three with 353, with Greig taking second honors at the present with 342. High single is where Jim Greig gets revenge, because here is where his 134 tops Gordon's 132.

High team total for a single string is 517, held jointly by "The Potentats" and "The Ceremonial Masters" with the team high three of 1,452 in undisputed possession of "The Potentates."

Some of last year's top bowlers have not as yet hit their stride whereas some of the Nobles who were a way down the list last year are bowling much better. Rothmund, Whitley, Gordon, Greig and yours truly are the ones who have shown the most improvement so far and all I can do to explain it is that probably the new finish that they put on the alleys is the cause.

Could still use a couple of more bowlers to fill out the teams or would like to see some of the former members show up. Have no incidental news to report as all members look healthy and happy.

Aleppo, at the present, is in third place in The Amateur Boston Pin League, 3 points off the lead. The leaders are Oxford's White which boasts of 3 Nobles on their roster, Booma, Leatherby, and Pierce. Incidentally, Aleppo's anchor man, Bjorklund, leads this league in the averages.

Hopes you all have a Happy New Year.

In as much as the December and January magazines are to be combined, and the first part of this column was submitted as of December 1 there are a few changes up to the time of the later closing deadline.

The High Priests are in the lead with a point difference over The Potentate and The Ceremonial Masters. The Oriental Guides are in fourth place 2 points off the top. The only other change is that Al Bjorklund has taken over the honors in the high single with 138 with Gordon second with 136.

HISTORY AND MEANING OF THE DOUBLE EAGLE

THE Double-headed Eagle of Lagash is the oldest royal crest in the world. It was a symbol of power more than two thousand years before the building of King Solomon's Temple.

No other heraldic bearing, no other emblematic device of today, can cite such antiquity. It was in use a thousand years before the exodus from Egypt and has been a symbol for fifty centuries.

As a symbol in the Scottish Rite, the eagle more prominently appears in the Eighteenth, Thirtieth, Thirty-second and Thirty-third Degrees; the first being an eagle of one head, the others double-headed. The eagle was an ensign of the ancient kings of Persia. It was a bird sacred to the sun in Egypt and Greece. It was the emblem of Jupiter, and with the Druids a symbol of the Supreme God.

The double-headed eagle first originated in the mighty Sumarian city of Lagash. As time rolled on, it passed from the Sumarians to the men of Akdenizens of Asia Minor to the Seljukian Sultans, from whom it was brought by Crusaders to the Emperors of the East and West, whose successors, in later days, were Hapsburgs and the Romanoffs.

Thus, the eagle of the Eastern Empire united with that of the West, typified the Holy Roman Empire when ancient Byzantine, or Constantinople, shared with the city of Rome the honor of being the capital of that Empire.

The symbol of the double-headed Eagle was first known to Free Masonry in 1758, upon the establishment of a body calling itself Emperors of the East and West, whose successors today are the Supreme Councils of the Thirty-third Degree that have inherited the insignia of the Rite of Perfection, a Rite of Twenty-five Degrees, from which was evolved a large part of the present system of the Scottish Rite.

The sixteenth Article of the Constitution of 1786 defines the eagle on the Grand Seal of the Supreme Council as a large black eagle, with two heads, the beak of gold, the wings displayed, grasping a naked sword in its talons, etc.

There is another double-headed eagle, formerly referred to, in the Ritual of the 32°. This emblem is on a field of green and in the Camp represents the standard about which the Prussian knights and those of Libanus gathered.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE'S MEXICAN TOUR

IMPERIAL POTENTATE
KARL REX HAMMERS

"5727 Howe St., East End
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"December 15, 1947

"Noble Harvey B. Leggee, Recorder

"Aleppo Temple

"Boston, Massachusetts

"Dear Noble Leggee:

"Enclosed is a complete itinerary descriptive of the Special Train Pilgrimage to Mexico on the occasion of my visitation to Anezah Temple, Mexico City.

"The Illustrious Potentate of Anezah Temple included in his invitation to me a cordial invitation to the Nobility and their families as well, and I am happy to have the privilege of offering this fine 14-day trip to the Nobles.

"In addition to being recreational and educational, the trip will bear an element of good-will and friendship toward our good neighbors 'South of the Rio Grande.' Many of the Mexican government officials are Shriners, including their young and progressive President, Miguel Aleman. I am desirous, therefore, of having our group representative of as many sections of North America as possible.

"I shall, therefore, greatly appreciate your making some appropriate mention of this forthcoming event in your next general letter and magazine to the membership of your Temple. Nobles and their families are cordially invited to join this strictly Shrine Tour.

"Our train will originate at St. Louis and is scheduled to leave at 4:00 P.M. Friday, February 20, returning to arrive at St. Louis at 2:30 P.M. Thursday, March 4. Only a limited number can be accommodated on the special, hence to avoid disappointment early reservations are recommended.

"I have asked a committee of Nobles (experienced railroad officials) to handle the transportation details. Reservations are to be taken by Noble John B. Reynolds, 1601 Missouri Pacific Building, St. Louis 3, Missouri. Those who wish to join the tour are asked to communicate directly with Noble Reynolds.

"My thanks to you for your co-operation and assistance in passing this information along to the Nobility of your Temple.

"Sincerely yours in the Faith,

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HOOF BEATS

By NOBLE E. WAYNE DONALDSON

THE Mounties made a goodly showing at our recent parade at Norwood. Several comments, all favorable, really had us breaking buttons off our chests. No doubt Potentate "Jus" with a Mounties Cape draped across his manly shoulders drew added attention to the Patrol, because the Ah's and Oh's from the spectators really were tremendous. After the parade, the entire Patrol was invited to Edgar Patterson's summer home in New Hampshire, where he personally prepared a home-grown dinner for the gang. Beans and apple pie was the dinner menu after which the boys loosed their girths and gathered around the tables for a good old fashioned chin wag and a little poker.

Sunday morning everybody was up at eight to the tantalizing odor of bacon and eggs. Horseshoes and loafing during the morning again tempered their appetites and again Pat came through. This time with Italian Spaghetti and Meat Balls. Pat's annual generosity in entertaining the Patrol has gone far in creating good will and fellowship amongst the Troopers. Thank you, Pat, and your apple pie is out of this world. Captain Walter especially welcomed to Pat's party Nobles Robert W. Stone and Walter Peirce, two prospects for the Mounties.

We regret to report that the black camel has knelt at the tent of Lt. Everett W. Crawford. Funeral services were held at Grace Episcopal Church in Newton on November 8.

Captain Walter has started the weekly rides and requests all Troopers to take due notice thereof and report with boots and saddles. Those who assembled at Stables on December 10 were given a special treat in welcoming Cesare Vappi back to the Troop. Vap is making a steady comeback from his accident and hopes to be riding with us soon.

We have noticed, with regret, the empty saddle of our genial Clerk, Reginald Golds-worthy, on the last two rides. In contacting him by phone this morning we learn that while the Troop was cantering through Manouvers last night, Reggie was conducting the "Temple Degree" in Palestine Commandry. Your many Masonic duties reflect honor to the Mounted Patrol, Reggie, but we anxiously await confirmation of Corral rumor, of Matrimony on January 24.

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